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FROM : GERMANY, FRANKFURT

EVALUATION:

SUBJECT: GERMAN REMILITARIZATION

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THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF GERMAN REMILITARIZATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY CABLE FROM CIA STAFF MEMBERS IN GERMANY:

1. RECENT REPORTS ON TALKS WITH (GENERAL) (COUNT) GERHARD VON SCHWERIN AND KURT SCHUMACHER INDICATE THAT THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE TREND OF OUR REPORTING AND THE MORE OPTIMISTIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WECCG AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT. OUR STAFF MEMBERS HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECTS WITH MATURE GERMANS WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN VIEWS. THEY REPORT THAT THE GERMANS SEE THE QUESTIONS OF GERMAN REARMAMENT, THE ABOLITION OF THE OCCUPATION STATUTE, THE COMPLETION OF A SECURITY PACT WITH THE WEST, THE FINANCING OF REARMAMENT AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF OCCUPATION COSTS AS A SINGLE ISSUE, COMPONENT PARTS OF WHICH CANNOT BE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. THE GERMANS HOPE FOR A SOLUTION OF ALL THESE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS BUT THEY ARE NOT SOLVED NOW.

2. A CONSENSUS OF THE VIEWS OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT SOURCES, INCLUDING MR. THEODORE BLANK, DR. KURT SCHUMACHER, GENERAL VON SCHWERIN, GENERAL ADOLF HEUSINGER AND OTHERS, INDICATES THAT THE

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GERMANS WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING PREREQUISITES TO ANY DECISIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF GERMAN REARMAMENT:

- A. FULL MILITARY-TECHNICAL EQUALITY
- B. CONTINUING BUILD-UP OF ALLIED GROUND STRENGTH IN GERMANY WITH SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE ALLIES AIM TO FIGHT EAST OF THE RHINE.
- C. A GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY, INCLUDING SOME ELEMENTS OF A GENERAL STAFF ORGANIZATION.
- D. REPLACEMENT OF THE OCCUPATION STATUTE BY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS GIVING THE GERMANS FAR-REACHING CONCESSIONS LEADING TO EVENTUAL FULL SOVEREIGNTY.
- E. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT IN OUR OPINION THE BONN GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION ARE IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE PREREQUISITES FOR GERMAN REARMAMENT. REPORTS THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT IS IN FAVOR OF GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHILE THE SPD IS OPPOSED ARE BOUND TO BE MISLEADING. WHILE THE SPD'S BASICALLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IS MORE NORMAL, ADENAUER SEEMS TO USE THE PROMISE OF REARMAMENT AS BAIT TO GET IMMEDIATE CONCESSIONS FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL GAINS. AS IS KNOWN, THE GERMANS STATED DURING THE PETERSBURG TALKS THAT THEY WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE BRUSSELS PACT. THEIR POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED BUT THEY CHOOSE NOT TO BRING THE MATTER UP AGAIN UNLESS FORCED TO DO SO.

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